

## Hyphenated Words for IELTS

Hyphenated compound words are formed when two separate words are joined together by a hyphen.

Examples of hyphenated compound words include:

- two-fold
- check-in
- father-in-law, mother-in-law
- seventy-two
- long-term
- up-to-date
- one-half
- over-the-counter

Note that hyphenated compound words are most commonly used when the words being joined together are combined to form an adjective before a noun.

When you connect words with the hyphen, you make it clear to readers that the words work together as a unit of meaning.

For example:

- forty-acre farm
- full-time worker
- on-campus housing
- state-of-the-art features
- family-run business

**Now, let's see some examples of hyphenated words used in sentences.**

1. We're looking for a dog-friendly hotel.
2. There are some beautiful-looking flowers in the garden.
3. The municipal government is funding a community-based education system.
4. I had a conversation with the editor-in-chief of the newspaper last night.
5. The museum has a hundred-year-old manuscript of the scripture.
6. He is knowledgeable in thirteenth-century politics.
7. The boy threw a rock at the second-story window.
8. That's a half-baked idea if I ever heard one!
9. Though he no longer held an official position, the ex-mayor still attended all the town's functions.
10. Lying on the floor beside the plant he had knocked over and chewed on, the cat looked extremely self-satisfied.
11. Do you want a self-serve or a full-serve gas restaurant?
12. It's a bad leader who thinks of himself as all-powerful.
13. Low-flying airplanes contribute to the noise pollution in the area.
14. Low-income families often face more stress than their higher-income counterparts.
15. A high-interest savings account is one of the best ways to save money.
16. It is an accident-prone area.
17. Arjun ordered for a custom-built watch.
18. Alok is a quick-witted man.
19. Mala owns well-known brands of coffee in her collection.
20. The company maintains an up-to-date account.

## **Let's Practise!**

There are some hyphenated words mentioned below. Try using them in sentences.

1. carbon-neutral
2. off-campus
3. family-owned
4. mid-July
5. ultra-ambitious
6. all-knowing
7. co-worker
8. sugar-free
9. Modernist-style paintings
10. once-in-a-lifetime